

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 665
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to recognize Charles Calvin Pernell on the occasion of his retirement from the State Division of Geology.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Charles Pernell is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 48 years with the State Division of Geology; and

WHEREAS, born in Dickson County in March of 1924, Mr. Pernell currently resides in White Bluff; and

WHEREAS, starting out in August of 1953 as a Geologic Aide, Charles Pernell's initial responsibilities were little more than data management, sample preparation, and mail supervision; and

WHEREAS, his supervisory responsibilities later increased to six employees, and in the early 1970s, he became responsible for well sampling, mineral core preparation, indexing, and storage and maintenance of the Division's publication inventory; and

WHEREAS, during the 1980s, Mr. Pernell supervised a cooperative program with the Tennessee Department of Correction that involved correction facility personnel taking and processing oil and gas well samples; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. Pernell oversaw a sample preparation project through a cooperative alliance with the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center in Smyrna; this program lasted for five years and yielded in excess of 550 sample sets and 690,000 feet of processed samples; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, Charles has operated the Division of Geology's sample processing facility which is located at Montgomery Bell State Park; he also has prepared rock and mineral specimens for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, his proficiency at processing samples is remarkable; he reached a point at which he handled more than 100 specimens and 175,000 feet of specimens per year; and

WHEREAS, he was also responsible for processing in excess of 6,200 oil and gas wells for approximately 8.5 to 9 million linear feet of laboratory grade geologic samples; and

WHEREAS, Charles Pernell is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic and professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal achievements aside, Mr. Pernell is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife since 1948, Clementine Lowe Pernell; and

WHEREAS, Charles Pernell exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Charles Pernell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Charles Calvin Pernell our heartfelt wishes for a happy and

fulfilling retirement, salute his commitment to improvement in the State of Tennessee's Division of Geology, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.